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CLEVELAND, MO., MAN SENTENCED FOR IDENTITY THEFT, FRAUD

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Cleveland, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for identity theft and fraud.

Jeremy David Peery, 30, of Cleveland, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan this morning to one year and nine months in federal prison without parole. The court also ordered that Peery pay \$17,642.60 in restitution.

On Aug. 18, 2005, **Peery** pleaded guilty to identity theft and fraud. By pleading guilty, **Peery** admitted that he used the Social Security number of another person as a means of identification in order to obtain an American Express card. **Peery** admitted that he then used that credit card and others to make approximately \$8,000 in purchases.

Peery was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Feb. 10, 2005, in Kansas City.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney John E. Cowles. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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